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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
 SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

PING QUI,	)	No. C07-0578 TEH
	)	
Plaintiff,	)	
	)	
v.	)	
	)	JOINT REQUEST TO BE EXEMPT FROM
MICHAEL CHERTOFF, Secretary of the	)	FORMAL ADR PROCESS
Department of Homeland Security; et al.	)	
	)	
Defendants.	)	

Each of the undersigned certifies that he or she has read either the handbook entitled “Dispute Resolution Procedures in the Northern District of California,” or the specified portions of the ADR Unit’s Internet site <[www.adr.cand.uscourts.gov](http://www.adr.cand.uscourts.gov)>, discussed the available dispute resolution options provided by the court and private entities, and considered whether this case might benefit from any of them.

Here, the parties agree that referral to a formal ADR process will not be beneficial because this mandamus action is limited to Plaintiff’s request that this Court compel Defendants to adjudicate the applications for adjustment of status. Given the substance of the action and the lack of any potential middle ground, ADR will only serve to multiply the proceedings and unnecessarily tax court resources. Accordingly, pursuant to ADR L.R. 3-3(c), the parties request the case be

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removed from the ADR Multi-Option Program and that they be excused from participating in the ADR phone conference and any further formal ADR process.

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Respectfully submitted,

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**ORDER**

Pursuant to stipulation, IT IS SO ORDERED.

Date: 8/8/2007



<sup>1</sup>I, Melanie L. Proctor, hereby attest that I have on file all holograph signatures for any signatures indicated by a “conformed” signature (/S/) within this efiled document.